

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending in this patent application. The examiner deems that the pending claims belong to two inventions that are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept. More specifically, claims 1-6 form Group I drawn to a frame mat; and claims 7-9 form Group II drawn to a method of making a mat. Therefore, the examiner requires an election for further prosecution.

Applicants respectfully traverse the election requirement because all claims could be examined as a whole without incurring extra-burdens upon the examiner. However, as required by the law, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Group I defined by claims 1-6.

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